

5/27/77
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Attached sets forth allegations made by [redacted] former [redacted] to Shirley Chisholm, Member of Congress. [redacted] was interviewed under oath claiming that during August and September, 1976, he was sent by Chisholm to New York to actively organize a primary campaign. He claimed his salary was substantially increased for the months of August and September and subsequently lowered again. He claimed that the increase was to take care of expenses in connection with campaign activities. [redacted] also claimed that other staff members of Chisholm had received raises and that Chisholm's [redacted] asked the staff members to pay back the increases to her so that depleted stationery funds could be replenished. This, he claims, was an apparent kickback arrangement. [redacted] was dismissed from Chisholm's staff in February, 1977, for incompetence and he filed a job discrimination claim against Chisholm, however, his claim may have been dismissed before the House Employment Practices Committee. In this connection, attached is a newspaper article relating to this matter which appeared in the 5/26/77 issue of "The Washington Star". In view of the allegations concerning the kickback arrangement, AUSA Ogren requested FBI investigation to determine strength of allegations made by [redacted]. He indicated that the campaign fund issue will not be a subject of FBI investigation but if substantiated during the course of the investigation, it may be brought to the attention of the appropriate Congressional ethics committee. WFO indicated that unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau, appropriate interviews of key staff personnel in the office of Chisholm will be conducted at the outset of the investigation. Subsequently, an LHM will be prepared for dissemination if initial investigation warrants, setting forth facts developed.

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Must Have Been Something Else

Rep. Shirley Chisholm has been cleared by a special congressional committee of charges she fired an aide because he was a man. The sex discrimination complaint was brought by O'Dell Lewis, who worked for the Brooklyn Democrat in 1976. He was fired last February. The complaint was dismissed by the House Fair Employment Practices Committee. It was formed primarily to hear discrimination charges brought by women, blacks and other minorities.

The Washington Post _____
 Washington Star-News A-2
 Daily News (New York) _____
 The New York Times _____
 The Wall Street Journal _____
 The National Observer _____
 The Los Angeles Times _____

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20535

February 8, 1978

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

[REDACTED] to
SHIRLEY CHISHOLM, Member of Congress,
United States House of Representatives;
FRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT

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Investigation of this matter did not disclose any evidence whatsoever to substantiate allegations made by the complainant.

On January 31, 1978, Assistant United States Attorney Robert G. Ogren, Chief, Fraud Unit, United States Attorney's Office, Washington, D. C., opined that neither further investigation nor Federal prosecutive action is deemed appropriate.

Complainant in the matter appears to have been terminated from his employment, as a staff member with Ms. Chisholm, due to his incompetence in his position and a change of responsibility of Ms. Chisholm on certain Congressional committees.

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Date 2/8/78

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FROM: SAC, WFO (46-10712) (C)

[redacted] to SHIRLEY CHISHOLM,
Member of Congress, United States
House of Representatives;
FAG (A)
(OO:WFO)

Re WFO Airtel to Bureau, dated 2/1/78.

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and three copies of a self-explanatory LHM for dissemination to USDJ.

FD-320, FBI Case Status Form, dated 2/1/78 to USA, Washington, D. C., confirms opinion as set forth in the LHM.

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Re WFOrep of SA [redacted] 11/8/77.

Referenced rep centers on allegations that were made by a former staff employee of Congresswoman SHIRLEY CHISHOLM, U. S. House of Representatives, to the effect that Ms. CHISHOLM's [redacted] had initiated a "kickback" scheme from increased staff salaries. Investigation of this matter did not disclose any evidence whatsoever to substantiate allegations made by the complainant. All investigation conducted by WFO is set forth in referenced rep.

On 1/31/78 Assistant United States Attorney ROBERT G. OGREN, Washington, D. C., opined that neither further investigation nor Federal prosecutive action is deemed appropriate. Complainant appears to have been terminated from his employment as a staff member due to incompetence and a change of responsibility of Ms. CHISHOLM on certain Congressional committees.

In view of the foregoing, captioned matter is placed in a closed status.

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